

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Commonwealth Edison Company

Docket No. 00-0259

Petition for Expedited Approval of  
Implementation of a Market-based  
Alternative Tariff, to Become Effective  
on or before May 1, 2000, Pursuant to  
Article IX and Section 16-112 of the  
Public Utilities Act

(cons.)

Central Illinois Public Service Company  
Union Electric Company

Docket No. 00-0395

Petition for Approval of Revisions to  
Market Value Tariff, Rider MV

Illinois Power Company

Docket No. 00-0461

Proposed New Rider MVI &  
Revisions to Rider TC

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**ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY'S REPLY TO SCHEDULING COMMENTS**

Pursuant to the July 13 Notice in the above-referenced consolidated dockets, Illinois Power Company ("Illinois Power" or "IPC") hereby submits its reply to the scheduling comments submitted by Central Illinois Public Service Company and Union Electric Company (collectively,

"Ameren"), Commonwealth Edison Company ("CE") and the People of the State of Illinois ("AG").<sup>1</sup>

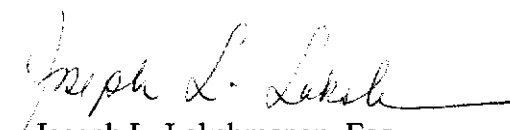
Both Ameren & CE agree that the schedule to be adopted for this proceeding is one that tracks closely to the one set forth in IPC's initial filing (as amended when read into the record by Ameren at the July 12, 2000 status hearing). Illinois Power also prefers this schedule for several reasons. First, this schedule will permit the new Market Value Index tariffs of IPC and Ameren to go into effect earlier, thus minimizing the period during which retail electric suppliers and customers must continue with values derived from the neutral fact-finder ("NFF") process. Second, the IP/Ameren schedule was crafted (after discussions with various parties to this proceeding) to balance the needs of the parties to have sufficient time to work collaboratively and have all issues addressed against the need for a timely final order so that the utilities could implement the new tariffs and the marketers and customers would have sufficient time before the 2001 summer period to gain experience under the new tariffs. Finally, IPC notes that no party has spoken in favor of the alternative schedule which would delay a final order in this case by more than 45 days beyond the IP/Ameren schedule. Indeed, the AG has requested a schedule that is similar to the IP/Ameren schedule but that is slightly even more accelerated than the IP/Ameren schedule.

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<sup>1</sup> As far as Illinois Power is aware, only Ameren, CE & the AG submitted opening comments on the schedule for this case.

In sum, all those who filed comments filed in support of the IP/Ameren schedule (or an even more expedited one). Although Illinois Power would be willing to accept the longer alternative schedule set forth at the status hearing, we prefer the IP/Ameren schedule or the AG's alternative.

Respectfully submitted,


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